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Atherton, Khalil hold inconclusive round of talks

CAIRO, Jan. 26 (Agencies) — U.S. special envoy Alfred Atherton and Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil ended three hours of talks here Friday without any apparent indications of breakthrough on Egyptian and Israeli views on a peace treaty.

Dr. Khalil told reporters that Egypt has not changed its position since the visit of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to the area last December and that it was premature at this stage to speculate about the progress of Friday's talks.

He also said that Egypt made no new proposals to Atherton.

Asked whether there was any sign of progress in Friday's talks, Khalil said: "This is a premature question and what we have done is to discuss our position and to know about Mr. Atherton's efforts in Israel."

Khalil said he did not discuss with Atherton any reformulations of new ideas.

"We have not discussed reformulations of anything," Khalil said, clearly indicating Egypt's previous demands for amending the draft treaty remained unchanged.

Egypt wanted a revision of security arrangements in Sinai within five years.

Atherton, however, declined to go into details and merely said he will report to Vance on his talks here.

He said he will meet Khalil again Saturday.

Atherton's mission, ordered by President Carter in an effort to revive the stalled Israeli-Egyptian treaty negotiations, was confined to attempt to overcome differences in the two articles, four and six, of the draft treaty.

This left aside the difficult question of Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

An Egyptian cabinet statement on Khalil's talks with Atherton said the discussions were focussed on the two treaty articles.

The statement said Khalil made it clear security arrangements in Sinai must be reviewed within a suitable span of time after the signature of the treaty, the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported.

It also said Khalil made it clear to Atherton that a peace treaty with Israel must not override Egypt's defense commitment to Arab countries.

The Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty must not have any preference or privileges over any other treaty or agreement, MENA quoted the statement as saying.

The statement said Khalil also discussed other developments in the region, an apparent reference to the troubles in Iran.

In a separate development, "Al Ahram" newspaper reported Friday that President Sadat is expected to visit the United States, Japan and West Germany early next spring to seek help in raising a \$15 billion loan for Egypt.

Brig.-Gen. Binyamin Ben-

Third suspect named in assassination of Palestinian leader

BEIRUT, Jan. 26 (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organization named Friday a 31-year-old woman with a British passport as the third member of a hit team that assassinated Abu Hassan Salameh, the head of PLO's security service.

But PLO spokesmen were resigned that all three major suspects in the assassination squad have already left Lebanon through the eastern sector of Beirut.

The woman was identified as Erika Mary Chambers, passport number B-849520 issued in London in 1975. Sources of a special commando investigation team said she is suspected of having sent the remote control signal that detonated a booby-trapped car killing Salameh, four Palestinian bodyguards, three Lebanese and a British woman passerby Monday.

The sources said Miss Chambers was believed to have sent the electronic signal from a small apartment she rented four months ago overlooking Salameh's flat.

The signal detonated a Volkswagen rigged with 50 kilograms of explosives at Salameh, code name Abu Hassan, drove past in his station wagon.

Miss Chambers paid 14,000 Lebanese pounds (less than \$5,000) in a one year rent for the apartment. She also rented a Japanese-made car from the same Beirut rental outfit that provided the car for the other two suspects, the sources added.

The apartment building janitor says he saw Miss Chambers carrying a suitcase, leaving the place by her rented car a short while after the fatal blast. She was quoted as having said the explosion and the ensuing commotion had unnerved her and she wanted a short rest in a hotel in another area, according to the sources.

Miss Chambers failed to return the car to the owners and a search of Beirut's western sector, where the assassination took place, has failed to locate the missing vehicle, the sources said.

The sources said the investigating team believed all three went to the eastern sector of the city separately before and after the assassination.

Palestinian and Lebanese security officials do not rule out the possibility that the passports carried by the three suspects were forged.

Earlier, a Dutch cameraman carrying Israeli identification was held for questioning by a Palestinian commando group, the Dutch embassy and Palestinian spokesman said Thursday. The television cameraman, identified only as M. Rutten, was picked up Wednesday at the funeral of Abu Hassan.

The official Paris News Agency said there also had been pro-government marches both in Tabriz and Zahedan in eastern Iran.

Hospital sources said at least six persons were killed and 28 wounded in Tehran. Paris said "a number of people were killed and wounded" in Sanandaj. Unofficial estimates placed the death toll in Sanandaj at five with 25 wounded. (See related stories, pages 3 and 16).

Khomeini spokesman Sadeq Ghobzadeh said in France that opposition reports from Iran indicated 15 persons had been killed and 1000 arrested in Friday's "enormous demonstrations." But some of the Tehran demonstrators, their hands smeared with blood, told reporters that more than 30 were killed in the capital alone.

Ghobzadeh said that according to his information soldiers joined in pro-Khomeini demonstrations in the southern city of Isfahan and were taking part in an anti-government hunger strike in the northeastern city of Mashhad.

The focus of the Shah, now "vacating" in Morocco,

Fahd flies to Jeddah

JEDDAH, Jan. 26 (ISP) — Crown Prince Fahd flew to Jeddah Friday night to inspect the damage caused by the recent rainstorms.

He was accompanied by Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh and Dr. Rashad Pharaon, special adviser to King Khalid.

It was announced last week that King Khalid had instructed Prince Fahd to study the situation personally, assess the losses incurred by citizens and report to him.

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Khomeini still vows return as followers, troops clash



WAITING FOR KHOMEINI: Mourners mingle in a crowd of hundreds of thousands who came Friday to Tehran's cemetery in expectation of Ayatollah Khomeini's arrival. (AP Wirephoto)

and Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar armed themselves with wooden and metal staves and set fire to spare tires and garbage in the streets around Tehran University. Thick black smoke billowed over buildings in the heart of the city.

The crowd taunted the soldiers with shouts of "Death to Bakhtiar" and "We will build a people's army to fight the army" and "We will go on whether Khomeini comes or not."

Heavy gunfire sounded throughout the area.

The religious leader's return from 14 years of exile, originally scheduled for Friday, was delayed by military orders closing Iran's airports until Sunday. The army was also

ordered to enforce a martial law ban on demonstrations, and an informed source said military leaves had been cancelled and Tehran's garrisons had been placed on alert.

At least seven journalists and an undetermined number of others were reported arrested under a martial law provision allowing them to be held incommunicado indefinitely. The journalists were leaders of the press freedom movement that closed Tehran's seven leading newspapers for 62 days, until Bakhtiar lifted censorship three weeks ago.

One of Khomeini's chief aides in Tehran said his supporters were planning a demonstration Saturday to protest the closing of the airports.

Gen. Mehdi Rahimi, Tehran's military governor, responded with a warning that he would begin enforcing regulations against unauthorized demonstrations.

Khomeini, the 78-year-old architect of the nationwide campaign of strikes and demonstrations to overthrow the Shah and bring down the Bakhtiar government, told followers in Paris he would fly home as soon as the airports reopened.

Rumors that Khomeini had returned secretly to Hamadan, Shiraz or other Iranian cities swept the country, touching off celebrations among his followers. But a spokesman for him in Paris said he was still there.

High court limits picketing

Hope flickers in U.K. strikes

LONDON, Jan. 26 (R) — Britain Friday saw a glimmer of hope that industrial disruption will ease.

Peace moves in the train engineers' dispute and a potentially far-reaching court decision on the limits of picketing brought the possibility of at least a temporary respite to three weeks of labor strife.

More trucks were back on the road but most of the 100,000 striking lorry drivers appeared far from settling prolonged wage negotiations.

Train engineers, who have staged four one-day national strikes, decided against further action this month and agreed to take their case to a railway arbitration body.

The announcement came after Len Murray, secretary-general of the Trades Union Congress, called leaders of three bickering rail unions together to discuss their approach to pay talks with management.

In the high court, a judge banned the picketing of a biscuit firm not directly involved in the truck drivers' dispute — the first court action of its kind which could eventually release the stranglehold pickets have on supply lines.

The judge, Sir Desmond Ackner, granted a temporary injunction stopping members of the giant Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) picketing the United Biscuit Co.'s plant at Purfleet, east of London.

He ruled that picketing of the plant was too remote from the dispute to be covered by trade union law.

Hundreds of ports and depots which are also not directly involved in the truckers' dispute have been picketed this month, blocking the flow of food, raw materials for factories and essential goods.

The so-called "secondary picketing" has become an inflammatory issue here. Ackner called it a "recipe for anarchy."

The TGWU has told striking truck drivers to limit picketing.

Syria, Iraq summit talks open in Damascus Sunday

DAMASCUS, Jan. 26 (Agencies) — A summit meeting between Syria and Iraq to ratify their reconciliation after a 10-year-old feud will be held Sunday, it was officially announced here Friday.

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For trade, projects

IDB approves \$50m aid

JEDDAH, Jan. 26 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Tbusday approved loans for projects and foreign trade finance of \$50 million at the end of the 32nd session of its executive directors here.

The Muslim countries benefiting included Oman, Tunisia, Sudan, Niger and Mali.

Britain denies Kingdom backing out of oil meet

LONDON, Jan. 26 (UPI) — Britain's Ministry of Energy said Friday there was no substance to reports that an informal meeting in London between OPEC and non-OPEC oil producers planned for early March had been cancelled.

"Okaz" newspaper said Thursday the conference, sponsored by the British ministry, will not be held because Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have declined to participate.

"There is absolutely no substance to these reports," the ministry said.

Details of the conference, which officials hope will be held around the first week of March, are still being worked out.

The conference is expected to group OPEC countries Venezuela, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Ecuador, along with the non-OPEC oil producers Britain, Norway, Mexico, and Canada.

The purpose of the conference, the ministry said, was to discuss possible links that might be forged between OPEC and non-OPEC oil producers.

Petroleum and Minerals Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani will represent the Kingdom, British officials said in London recently.

The meeting will be the first official contact between OPEC and non-OPEC producers and the emphasis will be on the creation of grounds for a dialogue. Oil pricing will not be discussed, the officials said.

The meeting is expected to look at producer-government relations with oil companies, oil problems of poor countries and future supply prospects.



MAZE: Old mud houses in Riyadh form an intricate maze of alleys. (M.L.)

The bank will also open an ID4 million (5.1 million) credit line for the National Bank of Tunisia to cover start-up costs for industrial projects. The bank will further finance the export of sulfur from Tunisia's Chemical Industries Company to other Muslim countries to the tune of \$12 million.

For Sudan, the IDB will finance \$14 million worth of imports for refined petroleum products. The government of Mali received ID 6 million (\$8 million) for the import of building materials and fertilizers.

The bank also approved a loan of ID 3.2 million (\$4.4 million) for the Niger Cement Company.

Hail area to get 4 new hospitals

HAIL, Jan. 26 (SPA) — New hospitals of between 50 and 150 beds will be set up in Al-Hail. Mousaf, Baqa and Sumairah in Hail Province over the next four years, according to Dr. Muhammad Sami Abu Sinnah, Hail health affairs director.

Ten health centers will be upgraded and 22 new centers built in this northern region, Dr. Sinnah said Friday. The site for a new 200-bed special hospital in Hail town has been handed over to building contractors, he said.

Already, 61 specialists are working in Hail, he added.



Dr. Fayed Badr

Houston magazine honors Badr

JEDDAH, Jan. 26 — Saudi Ports Authority President Dr. Fayed Badr has been named "International Executive of the Year" for last year by the Houston-based monthly business publication "B and E International," the magazine has announced.

Badr, who gained international recognition for his role in clearing Saudi ports of congestion in 1976 and 1977 will be honored at a special awards dinner in Houston on Feb. 22.

Born in Mecca in 1936, Badr is a Doctor of Economics and former deputy minister of planning. In 1978, Badr was appointed a minister of state without portfolio.

Minister to open parley of Arab educators today

RIYADH, Jan. 26 (SPA) — Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaisir will open the conference of Arab education undersecretaries and deputy ministers here Saturday.

The five-day session, to be held at the Riyadh Model Institute, will discuss educational development in the Arab world.

The Saudi delegation to the conference will be led by Prince Khaled ibn Fahd ibn Khaled, deputy minister for education and administrative affairs.

A number of Arab officials and a UNESCO delegation have already arrived in the capital.

Experts from the Gulf Education Bureau and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALESCO) will also attend.

Meanwhile, Southern Regional Directorate of Education said Thursday that the area now had 250 primary, 20 intermediate and two secondary schools for women and four women teachers training institutes.

An intermediate college will be opened in the province next year for further studies by graduates of the secondary schools and training institutes.

A branch of the Riyadh's College of Education would also open in 1980, it said.

Nearly 1,000 adult literacy classes have been held so far, and the Directorate of Girls' Education has announced an inducement of SR 500 to each student. Over 5,000 women have already joined the classes, the regional directorate said.

At Riyadh college

Geographers urge modern research unit

RIYADH, Jan. 26 (SPA) — The First Islamic Conference on Geography has recommended that Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University set up a permanent secretariat for the conference on the lines of the Islamic Conference Organization in Jeddah.

The geography experts attending the one-week meeting at King Faisal Conference Hall also called for the creation of a research center on the contemporary Muslim world at the Islamic university.

Among recommendations approved Thursday at the closing meeting under Dr. Abdullah Ibn Abdul Mohsen Al-Turki rector of the Islamic university, were preparation of an encyclopaedia and atlases of geography and Islamic history and the "Arabization and standardization of geographical terms by means of a special dictionary.

The session also called for increased efforts to publish and translate Islamic geographical classics and shed light on them.

Loiterers nabbed at girls' schools

RIYADH, Jan. 26 — Riyadh police have arrested a number of youths found loitering at girls' schools in the capital, "Al-Jazirah" reported Friday.

The paper quoted Police Commander Capt. Ibrahim Al-Otaibi as saying that Riyadh Governor Prince Saifan had ordered the police to keep a constant watch at the schools to curb harassment of the women students.

Last year, a boy was flogged by police in front of the Rowdat Al-Ma'arif School in Jeddah for harassing students.

Crime chief leaves for Abu Dhabi

RIYADH, Jan. 26 (SPA) — Director General of the Interior Ministry's Anti-Crime Center Dr. Farouk Abdul Rahman Murad leaves here for Abu Dhabi Saturday to chair the meetings of the executive council of the Arab Organization for Social Defense which begins there Monday. The delegates will approve execution of the resolutions of the second conference of Arab interior ministers which was held in Baghdad last October.

Yamani attends conference today

RIYADH, Jan. 26 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani flew to Baghdad Friday evening to attend the two-day Arab Information Ministers Conference which opens there Saturday.

Saudi-Italian body ends meeting

ROME, Jan. 26 (SPA) — The Saudi-Italian Joint Commission concluded its two-day session here Friday. A statement, issued at the end of the talks, said the deliberations covered economic, commercial, technical, health and industrial cooperation and ways of consolidating it. The Saudi side was led by Ambassador to Italy Sheikh Khaled Nasser Al-Turki. The commission put forward several resolutions to increase the volume of trade and to remove commercial obstacles.

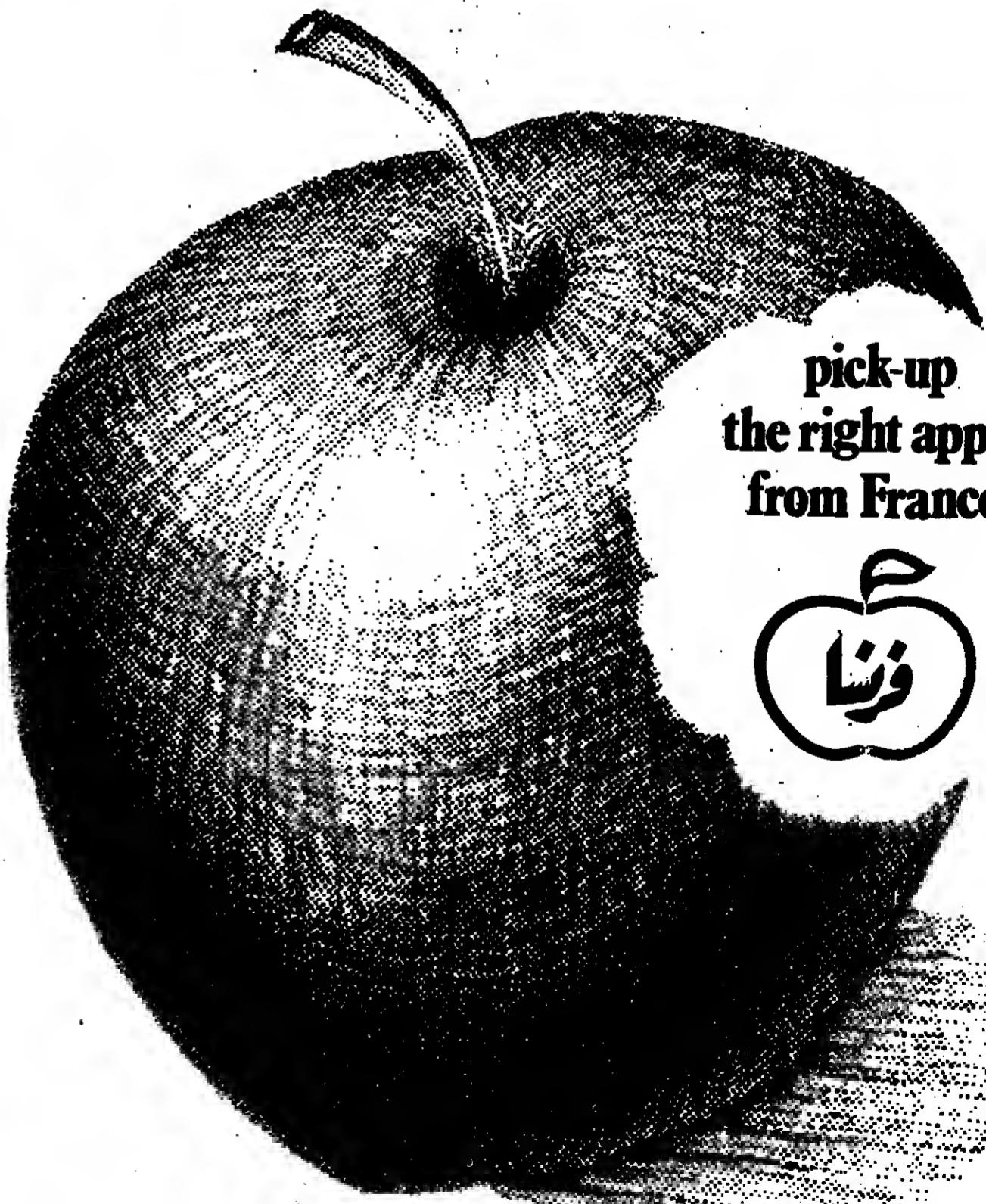
Qaboos sees Saudi ambassador

MUSCAT, Jan. 26 (SPA) — Sultan Qaboos bin Said of Oman Wednesday received Saudi Ambassador Sheikh Muhammad Abdulla Al-Mutlaq.

Abu Daoud heads chamber mission

RIYADH, Jan. 26 (SPA) — Sheikh Ismail Abu Daoud, the head of Jeddah Chamber of Commerce, will fly to Dubai Sunday to lead the Kingdom's delegation to the 47th session of the Federation of Arab Chambers of Commerce which will open there next week.

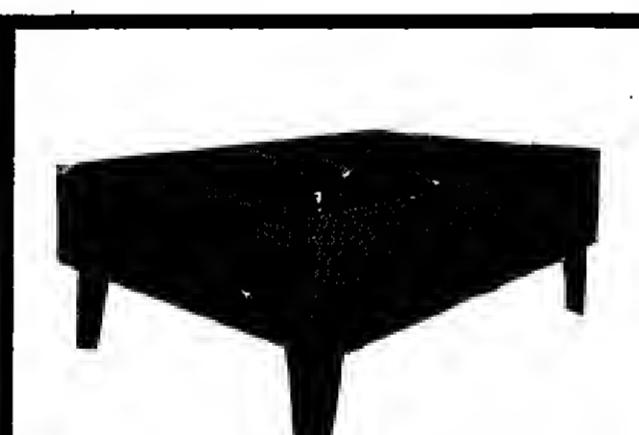
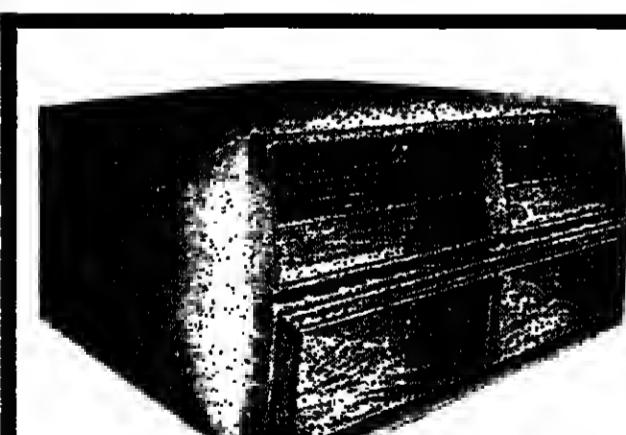
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New Somali constitution supports Ogaden fighters

NAIROBI, Jan. 26 (R) — Somalia's support for guerrilla movements fighting in the disputed Ogaden area of Ethiopia is enshrined in a new constitution approved this week by the ruling Socialist Party, the official Somali News Agency (SONNA) reported Friday.

The 114-article constitution, which replaces the one repealed after President Muhammad Siad Barre seized power in 1969, must be ratified by a referendum this year. It states

that Somalia is a socialist state, that the leadership of the Revolutionary Socialist Party (SRSP) and the state are integrated and that the SRSP is the sole party with supreme authority in the land.

There is a commitment to a policy of positive neutrality in external affairs and a declaration of support for international liberation movements, especially the Somali liberation fronts.

Although a full text of the

constitution is not yet available, it appeared that this provision was less sweeping than the goal of a greater Somalia, including all Somali people in Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Djibouti, which was written into the previous constitution.

The agency said the constitution provided for a people's assembly with legislative powers — the first since the 1969 coup.

It said the president would be elected by popular mandate but gave no details of his term of office or when an election might take place.

Somalia is one of the world's poorest nations made up largely of camel and goat-herding nomads.

It developed its own form of socialism during the years of Soviet presence which began in the early 1970s.

Declaring the special SRSP congress closed Thursday night Barre said of the new constitution, "you have accepted a historical document of great significance. Now what is needed is to implement it."

Under socialist theory only already formed nations could decide on secession and not "a conglomerate of nationalities and tribes." The article was summarized by Tass before publication.

Met by Palestinian fire

Israeli planes buzz South Lebanon

SIDON, Lebanon, Jan. 26 (Agencies) — Israeli planes flew low over this southern Lebanon port Friday drawing anti-aircraft fire from Palestinian and leftist guns.

There were similar reports from nearby Tyre, and from the Palestinian-leftist stronghold of Nabatiyah, which earlier this week came under heavy Israeli bombardment.

According to Palestinian sources, the commandos and their allies drove off Israeli subs which approached idon at dawn Friday.

Local residents spoke of a continuing exodus from southern villages and Palestinian camps, which had also been belted by the Israelis.

Only five per cent of the original inhabitants of the camps near Nabatiyah and Tyre remained, they said.

Some of those fleeing their homes sought refuge in nearby villages under the control of United Nations troops.

An informal ceasefire agreement in southern Lebanon was arranged by the United Nations officers two days ago after a five-day exchange of heavy artillery fire.

At the United Nations, Thursday, the Security Council circulated letters in which the PLO and Israel accuse each other of provoking open conflict in southern Lebanon.

In Tel Aviv Friday, the English-language "Jerusalem

Post" reported that Israel is considering asking Holland not to send troops to join the United Nations force in Lebanon.

There was no official confirmation of the story, in which the paper's military correspondent Hush Goodman quoted informed sources as saying Israel was worried about the effect that the presence of Dutch troops in Lebanon would have on Israeli relations with Holland.

The Dutch troops are due to be deployed in a highly sensitive area of southern Lebanon which adjoins territory controlled by Israeli-backed right-wing militias.

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Aims at Brezhnev, Senate

Carter putting on SALT pressure

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (Agencies) — President Carter has stepped up the pressure on both the Soviet Union and the Senate to conclude a new strategic arms limitation (SALT) agreement.

In a message to Congress Thursday, Carter urged Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev to

At the same time, the pre-

meet him in Washington, hoping that, "we could conclude an agreement curbing the strategic arms race."

At the same time, the pre-

ident sought to reassure Congressional opponents of the proposed pact by saying that America would never ignore Soviet challenges to America's interests.

U.S. officials believe that the only international hitch to signing a new arms accord with the Soviets stems from U.S. diplomatic recognition of mainland China.

But there remains strong conservative opposition in the Senate to signing SALT II.

And congressional leaders are also saying that Carter's pledge to NATO to raise military spending by three per cent is only a guideline that Congress is free to ignore.

Sen. John Stennis, (A-Miss.) chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the figure "is just a kind of legislative term, a phrase, an argument." If Congress were obliged by the figure, he said, it could "vote now and close the books" on the defense budget.

Instead, said Stennis, Congress will make a judgment on each part of the administration's \$122.7 billion budget, which has touched off a guns-versus-butter debate because defense spending is going up while social programs are being cut back.

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MOSCOW: Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, Thursday President Carter invited Brezhnev to Washington for a summit to put the finishing touches to a second strategic arms limitation treaty.

New regime says Vietnamese to stay

Cambodia digs in for long war

BANGKOK, Jan. 26 (UPI) — Cambodia's new rulers said

Friday they are facing a drawn-out guerrilla war and, admitting their presence for the first time, said Vietnamese troops would stay in the country to help fight it.

The pro-Vietnamese administration also published Cambodia's first newspaper since

1975, the official Cambodian radio said.

Vietnam, escalating its potentially explosive quarrel with China, warned the Peking regime against supporting Khmer Rouge loyalists who claim to have recaptured the provincial capitals of Kampot and Takeo last weekend.

Intelligence sources in Bangkok doubted the claims but American officials in Washington reported a "significant" buildup of Chinese troops on Vietnam's borders and urged restraint on both sides.

Moreover, a news report said that former Cambodian Vice Premier Ieng Sary has left China for an undisclosed destination — possibly his homeland — fueling speculation that followers of deposed Premier Pol Pot were stepping up their fight.

The Japanese news agency Kyodo quoted Western diplomats as saying Ieng Sary, no.

Two in the toppled regime, is believed to have returned to Cambodia via Thailand.

Both Hanoi and Phnom Penh radios Friday broadcast recordings of speeches made by President Heng Samrin and Defense Minister Pen Sovan.

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station, expected to fall between April and September,

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van at a victory ceremony in Phnom Penh's stadium Thursday.

"Our armed forces comrades must continue to accept sacrifices, difficulties, sufferings and privations," Pen Sovan said. "The enemy is not yet resigned to its defeat. We must continue to sweep up the debris of the coeney army. We must raise the spirit of solidarity between the people of Cambodia and our brothers of the Vietnamese."

NASA chief sees chance Skylab bits may hit cities

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26

The head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration says he is not sure whether the giant Skylab space station could be steered away from populated areas when it falls to Earth later this year.

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said the unmanned 85-ton

station, expected to fall between April and September,

should burn up in re-entry.

Korean dialogue differences remain

SEOUL, Jan. 26 (AP) — South and North Korea traded fresh statements Friday designed to resume their suspended dialogue, but their fundamental differences on how to start apparently remained unchanged.

South Korea, proposed convening a preliminary meeting either in Seoul or Pyongyang "as soon as possible" discuss measures for reopening the dialogue.

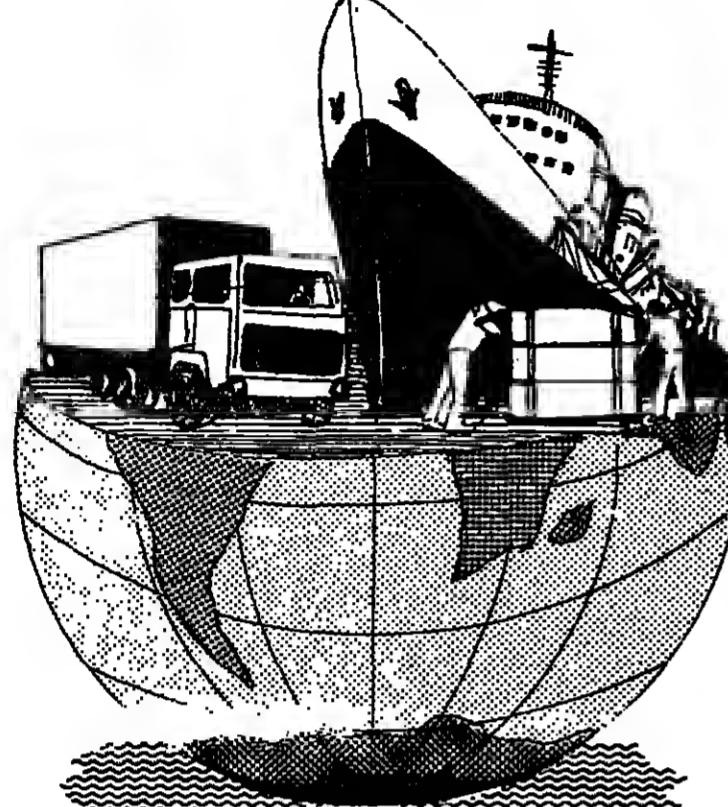
But it pointed out that any meeting must be attended by "responsible authorities" on both sides, as were previous talks.

The latest proposal, announced by Information Minister Kim Seong-jin, was in response to North Korea's offer to convene in June a meeting of "working-level representatives of all political parties and public organizations" for preliminary talks.

He said a preliminary meeting of authorities concerned should convene sooner without necessarily waiting until June.

But he said any future dialogue must be conducted by "responsible authorities" to ensure binding measures.

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Communist Party desertion plinters Rome government

ROME, Jan. 26 (Agencies) — The Communist Party drew its vital parliamentary support from Premier Aldo Moro. Friday and officials said the government would resign early next week, plunging Italy into a dangerous political crisis.

After a careful consideration of the facts, we reached the conclusion that our continued presence in the majority supporting this government has become impossible,"

Communist Leader Enrico Giugni said at the end of a meeting with leaders of the other four coalition parties.

The Communists, whose support has been crucial for the government's survival since their heavy election gains in 1976, accused Andreotti's Christian Democrats of steering the country to the right and failing to live up to past agreements.

What some politicians labelled as a "crisis in the dark" will undoubtedly open a lengthy period of inter-party talks and possibly lead to general elections two years ahead of schedule.

The Communists, who won 34 per cent of the votes at

8,000 Rhodesian whites fled in '78

SALISBURY, Jan. 26 (AP) — A record number of some 8,000 Rhodesian whites, spurred by six years of war and prospect of black rule, left the country last year, official statistics released show.

The statistics report monthly migration reached an all-time

high last December, which coincided with the end of the

coalition for black rule set by

transition government, and

was postponed until next April.

Officially recorded migration

shows the tiny white population — outnumbered more than 27 to one by the rapidly

increasing black population —

dropped by five per cent last year to some 250,000, compared with a 1975 peak of 278,000.

Official sources concede

actual exodus is considerably higher, with an unknown

number of whites "taking the

boat" — as emigration is termed

— as vacationers who

return.

According to some unofficial estimates, the white population may have shrunk to around 225,000, and could drop below 200,000 by the time the first black government is installed.

Emigration has serious repercussions for the white-led military and white-controlled economy, under increasing strain from years of war and international trade embargoes.

The Communist move signalled the end of almost three years of collaboration between Italy's two largest parties.

Gromyko said his conversations with Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti and Foreign Minister Arnaldo Forlani had been friendly.

As time limit runs out

Israeli urges Bonn to extend Nazi hunt

BONN, Jan. 26 (R) — The head of Israel's Documentation Center for Nazi War Crimes has appealed to West Germany not to grant an amnesty to Nazi criminals.

Tuviah Friedman said Thursday, "So long as the murderers live, so long as the victims live, there can be no question of forgiveness. The German people must not ask this of us."

Friedman lost his mother, brother and sister in the Nazi

camp of Treblinka, Poland.

He is in Bonn to present Israel's point of view while West Germany debates whether to extend the statute of limitations for murder. The statute makes prosecution of Nazi war criminals impossible 30 years after the crime.

If it is not amended there will be no new legal investigations of Nazi murders after the end of this year.

Friedman said, "We seek no

revenge...All we ask is that

these murderers keep their mouths shut until they die," adding that if the statute came into effect former Nazis could start boasting openly of their crimes.

West Germany's original statute of limitations for murder conferred immunity after 20 years, but in the case of Nazi crimes the 20-year period was originally held to have started in 1945 with the ending of

the Third Reich.

By 1965 however, so many Nazi murderers remained unprosecuted that parliament ruled that the effective starting date for the statute was 1949 — the year in which West Germany was founded.

(In 1969, the problem became acute again and parliament prolonged the period from 20 to 30 years, with the 30-year period ending in 1979.)

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Teng leaves Sunday on historic U.S. tour

PEKING, Jan. 26 (Agencies)

— Senior Vice-Premier

Teng Hsiao-ping leaves

Peking for Washington early on

Sunday morning on a trail-blazing flight to consolidate

the new amicable relationship

between China and the United

States.

The 74-year-old vice-premier will be the first top Communist leader to pay an official visit to the United States, although two American presidents have already come to China in the past seven years — Richard Nixon in 1972 and Gerald Ford in 1975.

Teng did go to New York in 1974 to attend a meeting of

the United Nations when he

expounded for the first time

the Maoist theory of international relations, dividing the globe into the superpowers, the developed Second World and the developing Third World.

This time, his mission is

very different. He is putting

the seal on the new relations

between the world's most populous and most powerful nations after 30 years of hostility and gradual rapprochement.

Informed sources said he

is due to leave Peking on

Sunday aboard one of the

Boeing-707s China bought

from the U.S. seven years

ago. He is scheduled to arrive

at Andrews Air Force Base

outside Washington on Sun-

day afternoon after refuelling

stop at Shanghai and An-

chorage. The official visit

begins on Monday.

Groups ranging from anti-

Communists to radical Maoists

plan a barrage of protests

when Teng arrives.

But U.S. federal officials

say Teng's entourage and the

demonstrators probably will

never get within a block of

one another as authorities

plan to tightly control the pro-

testers' movements.

Secret Service and State

Department officials were re-

luctant to discuss the security

precautions.



Andrei Gromyko

Soviet heads plan official visit to Rome

ROME, Jan. 26 (R) — Sovi-

et President Leonid Brezhnev

and Prime Minister Alexei

Kosygin have accepted an invi-

ation to visit Italy, Soviet

Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko

said Friday. He was speak-

ing at Rome's Fiumicino Air

port before flying back to Mos-

cow at the end of a five-day

official visit which he described

as useful and positive.

Gromyko said the date for the

visit had not yet been fixed

but that he foresaw no prob-

lems.

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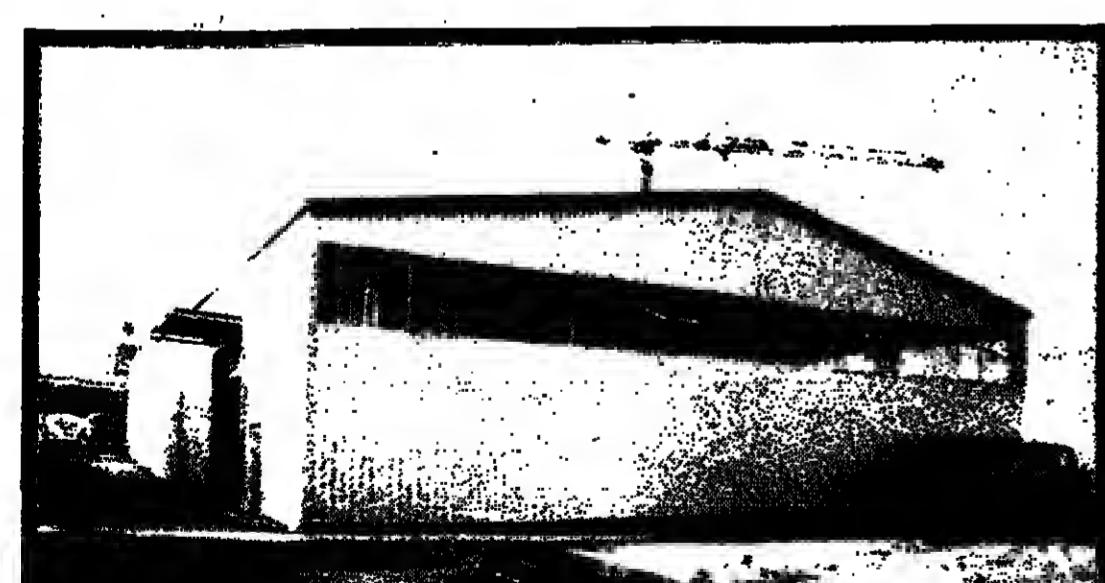
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BIG POWER PLAY

The once proud Shah rightly feels betrayed by the United States and President Carter in particular. He has realized too late that he has put all his eggs in one basket and that he has been made to pay for it. The case of the Shah once more underlines the danger of playing pawn in big power politics because the big powers are driven by the sole motive of protecting their own interests at the expense of everyone else.

The alternative is to keep the big powers at arm's length and to cooperate with them only to the point where cooperation remains balanced and mutually advantageous. The game of playing one big power against another is as dangerous as playing with one alone. A small nation can only depend on itself for its own survival, asking for and accepting favors from no one because no nation is loved for its hue (black) eyes but rather for its usefulness to others.

In Iran, the U.S. has committed the same mistakes that have caused it to lose influence and interests in many other parts of the world from central Africa to Southeast Asia. At times, the only explanation becomes the most ludicrous one—the Washington administration suffering a color blindness that makes it unable to tell green from red.

What concerns the Arabs most is that the U.S. may be committing the same mistakes in their region right this minute with possible dangerous future repercussions. It remains determined to push ahead with an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty despite the clear opposition of the other Arab states. If the treaty is signed, the U.S. may create a more potentially dangerous situation than the one it has solved. At best, the peace treaty will give Egypt a good deal at the expense of every other Arab state. At worst, it will give Egypt a rotten deal and at the same time drive a wedge between Cairo and other Arab capitals. Somehow, the Carter administration still thinks that it can use the treaty as a first step toward general peace. It still hopes that Jordan, the Palestinians and Syria will eventually be lured into similar deals.

Meanwhile, the U.S. is piqued with its friends for not supporting Egypt in its negotiations with Israel. Instead of exerting pressure on the Begin government to make genuine concessions for peace that would make the treaty more palatable it is criticizing the moderate Arab states for staying on the sidelines. No one in the Middle East wants peace more than the moderate Arab states which are generally rich countries that would thrive in an era of calm and quiet. But there are limits to what such states can be requested to produce in the interest of the so-called peace. There are equal opposite pressures on them (which a friend should be able to see) and there are historical and religious considerations that will not be shelved under any circumstance and regardless of the consequences.

The case of Iraq does not make such states fear for the future and prepared to give up their principles. On the contrary, it makes them determined to preserve and protect their independence and freedom of decision.

Romanian defiance

By Peter Osnos

WASHINGTON —

With outspoken criticism of the recent Vietnamese-led invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, when Bucharest was ripe with fears that it, too, might be attacked.

Obviously there is no such danger now. Yet Romania's alarm about the Soviet-backed Vietnamese action half a world away apparently reflects fears in Bucharest about a pattern of stronger Communist governments replacing weaker ones of which the Soviets disapprove.

For years, Romania's leader, Nicolae Ceausescu, has carefully crafted his country's independent foreign policy by taking, as one analyst put it, "two steps away from Moscow and one back." Lately, all the steps have been in one direction — away.

While the Kremlin no doubt is upset about the Romanian moves, U.S. officials have spotted no concrete Soviet moves to punish Ceausescu. "The Soviets have been surprisingly restrained in their response given the provocation," one senior official said.

Ceausescu has held no meetings with top Soviet officials since a Warsaw Pact summit in November. Why Ceausescu has chosen to be so bold now is a bit of a puzzle.

For the Kremlin, the Romanian challenge is a persistent irritation, one that it thus far has been unable to repress. — (WP)



"Let him out? Man, did you ever stuff a tiger in a tank?"

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON —

Five years after OPEC's quadrupling of oil prices and the Arab oil embargo, U.S. policymakers still have a poor understanding of the relationship between international and domestic energy issues.

This is the conclusion of the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO), the congressional watch-dog agency that recently released a comprehensive report on "The United States and International Energy Issues."

The report poses specific questions about 11 major global energy issues derived from a single central theme: "Are U.S. international energy and related policies consistent with domestic energy goals and national security, economic performance, and quality-of-life objectives?"

The GAO said it undertook the study "because of a concern that the international ramifications of U.S. energy problems are not yet adequately understood nor sufficiently integrated into a coherent set of national energy policies."

By implication, the report is a slap at American policymakers, who have crafted a national energy strategy that many experts feel is confused, contradictory and in the final analysis inadequate.

These experts criticize Secretary James Schlesinger for presiding over an Energy Department widely regarded as the most inept and chaotic federal agency in Washington.

They also blame President Carter for failing to provide sufficient national leadership on energy issues, and Congress for adopting a parochial, politically motivated approach to national energy policy.

The GAO, in its report, urges

lied. "Although the United States plays a leadership role in world affairs, five years after the Arab oil embargo and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' price hikes that followed, it still has not developed energy policies that significantly reduce the impact of U.S. consumption on global supplies," the report

undertaken of each of the 11 major energy issues it has identified.

"While each is sufficiently

important to be singled out for separate analysis," it adds, "all are interrelated in important ways. Consequently, the result of work in one area is likely to have significant implications for the understanding of other key issues."

GAO teams held extensive interviews with over 400 experts in 15 countries of North America, Europe and the Far East.

Significantly, the GAO team negotiated to seek input from energy experts in any of the OPEC countries (apart from OPEC Secretary General Ali Jaidah, who was interviewed in Vienna, Austria).

For this reason, the report shows a clear bias in some of the questions it poses — questions that raise doubts about the stability of certain OPEC countries and express ill-conceived paranoia about OPEC investments in the United States.

But by and large, the GAO report raises crucial issues which American policymakers must seriously consider before embarking on a global energy strategy.

The study is frustrating in one sense: it answers none of the questions it poses. (Although in some cases, the report points the way toward possible solutions.)

The implication is that many of the major international energy issues require far more study than has been undertaken thus far.

It is rather shocking that, this far down the road, the United States has to admit that it has no clear idea where it is going in terms of long-range energy strategy.

The pro-Shah demonstrations in Tehran "constitute a turning point in the situation in Iran," according to "Al-Bilad." "This development may signify a popular desire to restore legitimacy in the form of the present government of Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar who is supported by parliament."

The paper could also see a "silver lining" in the decision of religious opposition leader Ayatollah Khomeini to postpone his return to Iran for the time being "as this would give Bakhtiar a respite during which he could restore law and order leading to stability after the turmoil of the last few months."

"While it may be difficult for any political observer to speculate on the beneficiary of the current events in the country, it would seem that the Iranian people themselves are now in control of the situation and the big power game has

come to an end or is about to." "Al-Bilad" believes that the current phase in Iran is more serious and certainly more important than the one that has just ended with the departure of the Shah that was intended to contain the explosive situation in the country.

This could only be detrimental to the people. In the meantime, the people should be aware of Communists who are already engaged in acts of subversion."

"Al-Jezirah" quoted a statement by U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown before Congress and appeared to concur with his view that the Soviet Union "was about to launch a campaign to undermine the established authorities in the Gulf region. But the people of the Gulf," the paper said, "are capable of confronting this ideological onslaught by virtue of their unity of belief and religion. Foreign attempts at interference will fail as miserably as they

Saudis investing abroad

By Dr. Ali Johany
(The writer is an assistant professor of economics at the University of Petroleum and Minerals.)

DHAHRAN—

The casual observer of the Saudi economy must be wondering why a large number of private Saudi citizens are investing some of their savings abroad, where the average rates of return on their investment are far less than what they can realize within the Kingdom. To be sure, the bulk of private savings is still being employed to produce domestic goods and services. Nevertheless, any amount of domestic funds that seeks foreign outlets, at the time when the Saudi government is doing its utmost to encourage private domestic investment, must be explained.

It may take years, if ever, before we know the full explanation. But here are some of the factors that may shed light on this behavior:

First, individuals and business firms may invest abroad for the sake of diversification. That is, an investor may not want to put "all of his eggs in one basket." Thus he may prefer a lower average rate of return on his investment abroad and on his investment at home to a higher rate of return on domestic investment alone.

The majority of investors are not worried about political instability or risks of expropriation in Saudi Arabia. By any standards, Saudi Arabia is politically a very stable community and its commitment to the respect of private property rights is firm and certain. What may worry investors, however, are economic forces that are beyond Saudi Arabia's control, such as fluctuations in oil prices and political upheaval in other countries.

Second, while financial rates of return on domestic investment in Saudi Arabia are certainly higher than what they are in Europe or in America, that does not tell the whole story. A businessman, like everyone else for that matter, does not only think of his rates of

return but is also concerned with the amount of the non-financial costs he has to incur before he reaps the financial fruits of his efforts.

And in Saudi Arabia, non-financial costs are substantial. A Saudi businessman for instance, has to work longer hours and under less favorable conditions than his counterparts in Europe and America. The reason: He has to do almost everything himself. Able assistants are either very expensive or simply not available at any price.

There are also other problems that Saudi businessmen must contend with, not the least of which is the familiar, but nevertheless very annoying bureaucratic red tape. For example, a contractor may spend hours of his valuable time waiting to see a petty clerk who will not immediately receive him and who is causing the delay of the long overdued payment.

We can also think of the difficulties that a businessman faces before he is able to get entry visas for his expatriate employees. That is not to say that entry visas should be granted immediately and easily, since there may exist good security reasons for the delay. It is to say, however, that the long process which is required before visas are granted does increase the cost of doing business in Saudi Arabia.

The high administrative costs of doing business here may explain why many foreign companies establish their regional headquarters outside the Kingdom, even when Saudi Arabia is the biggest market for their products.

In short, some Saudi investors are willing to forego some financial return for convenience and ease of doing business in other countries.

Some commentators have alleged that academic economists are irrelevant to a businessman because it is only concerned with the financial side of doing business. But that is not true. When an economist tells you not only think of his rates of

Alaskan oil for Israel

By J. P. Smith

WASHINGTON—

The United States will consider selling Alaskan oil to Israel if Israel asks for assistance in meeting its energy requirements following the cutoff of shipments from its principal supplier, Iran.

The United States promised, as part of the 1975 Sinai accords, to act as Israel's supplier of last resort if that country were cut off from other sources. State Department spokesman Hodding Carter told reporters recently that Israel so far has not asked the United States to honor that pledge.

Nevertheless, a senior interagency planning group has been weighing methods of meeting that request, should it be made.

The sale of Alaskan crude is one option under consideration. Others include using U.S. good offices to encourage non-Arab oil exporters

to sell to Israel, or selling the Israeli oil from U.S. government-owned reserves on public lands.

Iran, the world's largest non-Arab oil exporting country, has been supplying Israel 80,000 barrels a day—more than half of Israel's daily consumption—until the recent civil disturbance that shut down Iranian oil production.

Iranian opposition leaders, including Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar and religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, have repeatedly said that once Iran's oil production is restored they would not permit sales to Israel or South Africa.

One senior administration official, who asked not to be identified, characterized the Israel's oil situation as "serious but not yet extreme." At the Energy Department, another official said, "The Israelis have only received a few shipments of oil from Iran since November."

Over recent years the Israelis have built up an enormous stockpile of oil, equivalent to nearly one year's needs. To date, the Israelis have not begun a major draw down of their stockpile, but

they could be forced to in the months ahead if they have continuing difficulty buying oil from non-Arab sources.

The Israelis also pump nearly 40,000 barrels a day in oil from the Almeh oil fields in the occupied Sinai desert. But these fields would eventually be returned to Egypt if an Israel-Egyptian peace settlement is reached.

The U.S. Energy Department says that Israel imported an average of 125,000 barrels of oil a day over the last year.

Thus far, Israel has been able to make up much of the differences through oil purchases from Mexico's state run oil company, Petroleos Mexicanos, amounting to about 45,000 barrels a day, and from unnamed African and Latin American oil exporters.

Details about Israel's oil supply arrangements are closely held for fear that disclosure could result in public pressure from Arab producers in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to cut Israel off.

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Calling for greater coordination and fuller integration among Gulf states, "Al-Bilad" said that the region "has become the focus of superpower designs and ambitions, and sometimes, plain blackmail."

"Without complete integration, the region would always provide opportunities for foreign infiltration in various forms. It is our right to demand the maximum level of integration as we are in dire need of unity to safeguard our security and stability," the paper said.



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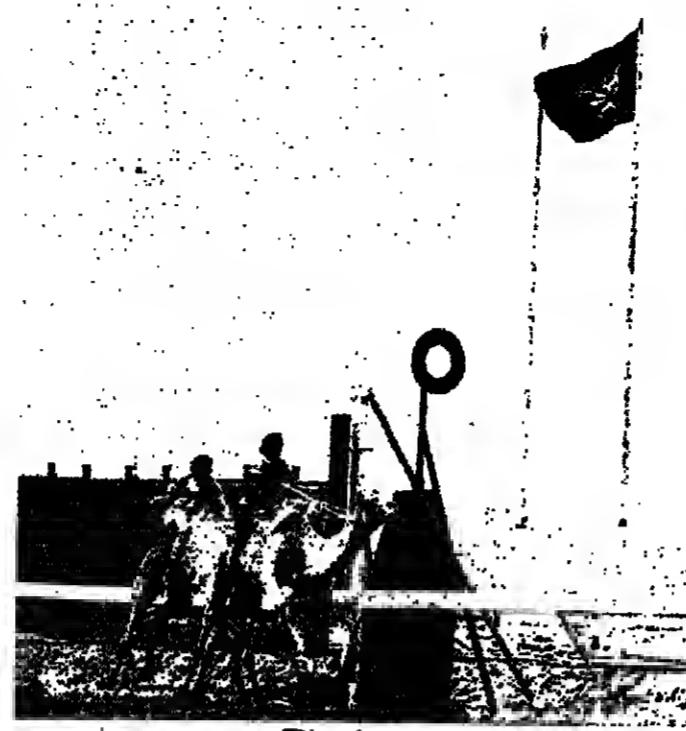
Joe H. in Lids



A 15-year-old jockey and his mount



Nearing the finish line



The winners

By Joyce Prince
RIYADH — Suleiman, a nine-year-old camel jockey, waited, patiently holding the reins of the six-year-old racing camel Latam. He talked quietly with his friends. Would he have been so calm had he known that in an hour and a half he would ride to the finish line victorious over 12 other riders?

His leather whip is hand, and bright red shirt whipping in the mid-winter afternoon breeze, Suleiman carried the red banner of Prince Faisal Bin Khaled Ibo Abdul Aziz. The 3,000-meter course of the Malaz stadium seemed to be a passing breeze for his camel as he finished first with a winning time of five minu-

tes, 28 seconds, securing for his owner the first prize of SR1,250. Latam edged out Safron by scarcely a camel's length in the closely run race, Safron being ridden by 11-year-old Marshoud who received for his owner the prize SR625.

If you have not been following the 1978-79 season of the Riyadh Camel Races, you have missed something.

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The 1978-79 Camel and Horse Racing season opened in October under the auspices of the Riyadh Equestrian Club with from one to three camel races being held each Monday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. followed by three to five horse races. The races are open to the public, with tickets selling for SR 5.



Waiting for the race to begin

A day at the Riyadh camel races

Photos by Dick Massey

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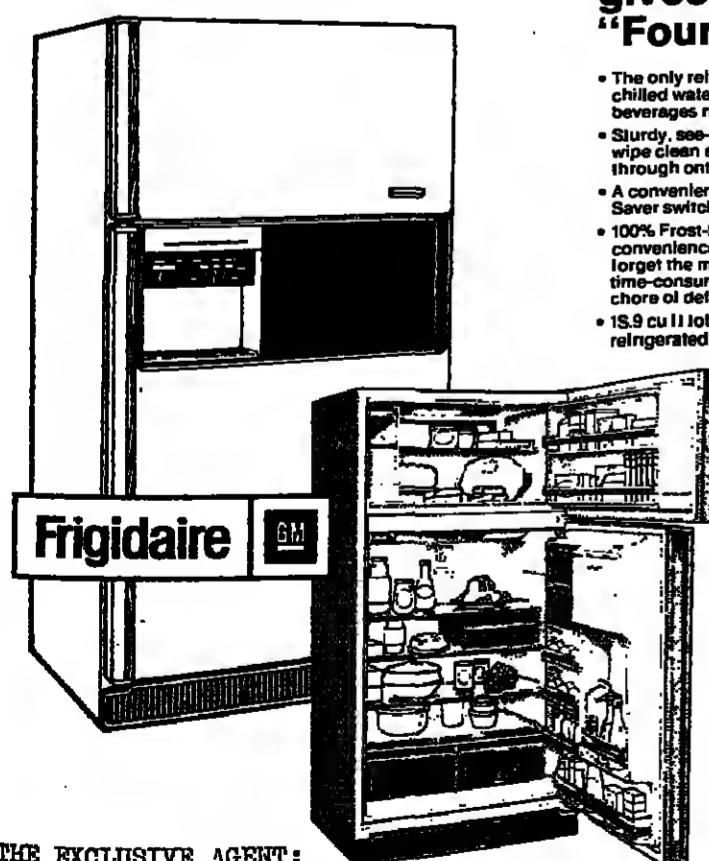
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Low-flying, elusive--and unidentified

By Ward Sinclair
and Art Harris

WASHINGTON — During two weeks in 1975, a string of the United States' supersonic nuclear missile launch sites and bomber bases were visited by unidentified, low-flying and elusive objects, according to Defense Department reports.

The sightings, made visually and on radar by air and ground crews and sabotage-alert forces, occurred at installations in Montana, Michigan and Maine, and led to extensive but unsuccessful air force attempts to track and detain the objects.

Air Force and Defense Department records variously describe the objects as helicopters, aircraft, unknown entities and brightly lighted, fast-moving vehicles that hovered over nuclear weapons storage areas and evaded all pursuit efforts.

In several instances, after base security had been penetrated, the Air Force sent fighter planes and airborne command planes aloft to carry on the unsuccessful pursuit. The records do not indicate if the fighters fired on the intruders.

The documents also give no indication that the aerospace invasions provoked much more than local command concern.

But a Nov. 11, 1975, directive from the office of U.S. Secretary of the Air Force instructed public information staffers to avoid linking the scattered sightings unless specifically asked.

The Defense Department position, cited in that memo and reiterated this month by a departmental spokesman, is that formal investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) ended in 1969 and that there were no plans for renewing air force investigation.

Yet another Air Force intelligence report indicated extensive interest in a 1976 incident over Iran, when two Iranian air force F-4 Phantom fighter planes were scrambled to encounter a brightly lighted object in the skies near Tehran.

The object was tracked by

Iranian ground radar, seen independently by the crew of a commercial airliner and pursued by the F-4s, which, according to the report, experienced a breakdown of their electronic communications devices when they neared the object.

The report, compiled by American officials, said that the electronic weapons system of one of the planes went dead when its pilot prepared to fire an AIM-9 missile at a smaller object that appeared to roar out from the larger vehicle.

The planes' electronic equipment reportedly became operative after they veered away from the smaller object, which had returned to the larger light, the report said. Iranians described the larger object, with colored, fast-flashing lights, as the size of a Boeing 707 jetliner.

The information on the 1975 and 1976 sightings — records from the Air Force and the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) — was turned over to Groundsucker Watch (GSW), a Phoenix-based organization that monitors UFO reports.

GSW obtained the information through a freedom-of-information request to the Air Force, one of a number it has made to government agencies involved in UFO investigations.

A similar request to the CIA, made both by GSW and "The Washington Post," resulted in the CIA's turning over almost 900 pages of documents related to its monitoring of UFO reports since the 1950s.

The CIA was directed by a U.S. District Court judge here last year to turn over to Groundsucker Watch UFO data unrelated to national security.

The agency, according to GSW officials and attorneys, apparently has withheld some UFO records, and GSW says it intends to seek further court action in the case.

The CIA documents are largely a collection of worldwide intelligence reports, news-

paper articles and agency memoranda relating to UFO sightings and theories of extraterrestrial life.

The CIA's position, reiterated by a spokesman, is that it has had no involvement with UFOS since 1953, when a special study panel concluded that they presented no threat to national security.

While memos from as recently as 1977 are included in the 879 pages the CIA spokesman said the agency continues to be "a passive recipient" of UFO data, even though none of the material is analyzed.

Todd Zechel, a GSW investigator and director of another organization, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, said "We've had to pry loose every item of information we have. I am in-

claimed to believe the government doesn't know any more about UFOS than we do, but if UFOS are what they say — nothing — why don't they open their files totally?"

Zechel and William Spaulding, a Phoenix engineer and director of GSW, said that



The F-4 Phantom fighter

Defense Department, the air force and the National Security Agency (NSA) have refused to turn over certain other information that would shed more light on military encounters with unidentified flying objects.

Zechel, a former NSA em-

James Galway on the flute

By Daniel Carignan

LOS ANGELES — "Three men came down to my recital in London. They were mechanics — had a garage outside the city, they said. Told me they had bought my recording of 'Flight of the Bumblebee' and that that had led them to 'The Four Seasons' and that recording to Mozart. Before that, they had never even heard of Mozart." Now they were listening to his music every day at their garage.

"Can you imagine? Their lives were changed." You can call James Galway a media star if you like. He won't mind. The bearded flutist from Ireland says he wants to do whatever it takes "to bring music to the people" — people like the garage men who discovered Classical music through his recordings, adding, "sure, I play for the converted. I'm more interested in playing in order to convert others."

For more than three years, since Galway resigned as principal flutist of the Berlin Philharmonic (where he played under Karajan for six years), the charismatic musician has pursued his mission, using an outgoing stage manner, certain effective gimmicks — like four 18-karat gold instruments valued at \$18,000 or more apiece — television appearances and countless magazine and newspaper interviews to spread the word.

"Sure, we planned this whole thing, my manager, Michael Emerson, and I," the bearded, 39-year-old confided in his thick but far from inexpressive brogue on a recent afternoon. Galway had

performed the first of three concerts with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra the night before. Already this day, he had done two interviews, one on television, the other on radio.

"It is our contention that music can be brought to a wider audience. We think music is for the people.

"Of course, I, as someone trained in a tradition, owe it to the kids who are students of that tradition to record.

For instance, the sonatas of J. S. Bach and to play straight concertos. But I also want to reach those outside, all those many people, to encourage them to take up the flute — or any instrument — just for the pleasure of playing. I would like to get everybody to try to play something, no matter how badly."

Galway has been called a popularizer, and he doesn't mind that, either.

"Look here," he says with certain impatience, "if Kreisler had never had a press agent, I would never have heard of him. If Horowitz had no publicist... The media have changed since the days of Franz Liszt. The artist must get the word out, and that means hiring people to do it."

The musician, who walks onstage carrying his valuable flute as nonchalantly as if it were a simple fishing rod, says he does not overbook himself with concerts, that "I'd rather play less, but better." After a bout last fall with what his road manager described as viral gastroenteritis, Galway canceled the equivalent of nearly two weeks of concerts in Canada and the United

States.

"I don't work too hard," he assured his interviewer, producing his road diary, a neatly arranged loose-leaf book into which engagements, works to be played and conductors' names are neatly typed, day by day. A quick glance proved the point: much of Galway's season is spent at home in Lucerne, Switzerland, with his wife and their three children.

Having spent some time recently talking to a trombonist about the physical deterioration in playing apparatus that wind players face as they grow older, we asked Galway about the inevitable winding down.

"A breakdown of the apparatus does occur, eventually. In my case, I expect to stop playing long before that.

"You see, for me, there are lots of things to be done, apart from playing the flute. I'm quite good at talk shows, for example. Last year, I made a one-hour film for the BBC, with some friends, in which I was host and also played nine pieces. We did it in one shot, with no retakes. "Of course, a show like that is like a golden handshake. Do you know what I mean? I was paid for doing it, and then the show itself turned out to be publicity and exposure for me of considerable value."

What else does he have up his sleeve?

"Many projects. We're always thinking, and planning. One project dear to me is a film, probably for children, on a pied piper story. We have people working on it." (LAT)

ployee who now lives in Wisconsin; said that the 1975 incidents around the missile and bomber facilities would not have been revealed had it not been for a "leak" from a Pentagon source.

That tip, he said, led to the information request that produced the reports on the "flop," as a rash of UFO incidents are called, in the last days of October and the first two weeks of November 1975.

The air force and NORAD data provided detailed accounts of sightings of unexplained objects from Loring Air Force Base in Maine, Wurtsmith AFB in Michigan and Malmstrom FAB in Montana, all within a two-week period.

At those and other missile-launching sites in the northern tier of states, military personnel reported that the objects hovered over nuclear weapons storage areas, in some cases as low as 3 meters from the ground, and missile silos, before they departed.

The reports referred to the objects in some cases as "helicopters," although no witness made a positive identification.

The sounds the objects emitted were described as being simi-

lar to helicopter noise.

In one such instance, on Nov. 7, 1975, at Malmstrom AFB, Capt. Thomas W. O'Brien, who had just left duty as a missile launch officer, said an aircraft resembling a helicopter approached the

presence of anything other than known craft in the area.

More detail appeared in reports of sightings on Oct. 30 and Nov. 1 over Wurtsmith AFB, where an "unidentified helicopter" flew around the base storage bunkers.

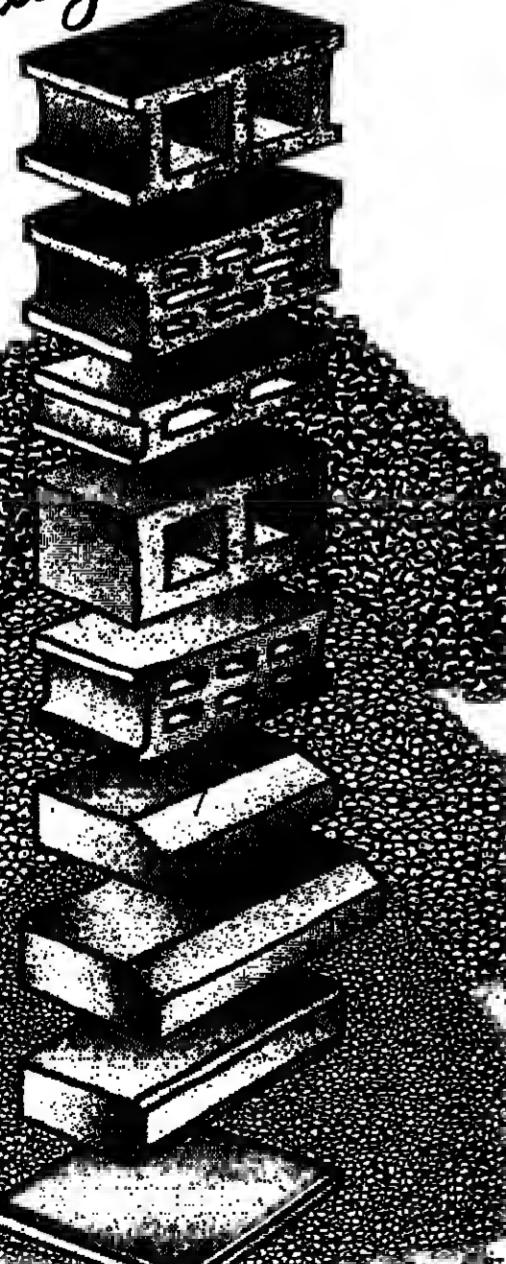
Investigators subsequently determined no military, commercial or private helicopter known to be based in the area could have been around Wurtsmith at those times. The crew of a KC-135 tanker plane, already airborne, spotted the object near the base and attempted to give chase, but couldn't keep up with it.

Several sightings occurred at the Maine air base as well, where objects hovered over the weapons area. Radar and visual sightings were made, and they heard no sounds.

NORAD commanders' activity logs during that period Maine National Guard — Loring had none of its own (WP)

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In Lancia

Phenomenal drive gives Darniche Monte win

MONTE CARLO, Jan. 26 (UPI) — Frenchman Bernard Darniche driving a Lancia Stratos staged the most dynamic finish in the history of the most famous auto rally Friday to match victory by six seconds in the 47th Monte Carlo Rally.

Darniche won all ten speed trials on the final night's stage to overtake five competitors including Sweden's Bjorn Waldegard in a Ford Escort, who had led Darniche by 6 minutes 27 seconds before the final night.

"Waldegard seems to be utterly 'untouchable,'" said Darniche before getting off on his epic drive. "But I'm going to drive as well as I can tonight to make up for my mid-order placing."

The 37-year-old Parisian, European rally champion two years ago, was not one of the favorites before the race. His best placing in his regular appearances in the event was third in 1976.

Scheckter to rest

MARANELLO, Italy, Jan. 26 (AP) — South African Formula One ace Jody Scheckter, still suffering from an aching wrist, gave up two of the grand-new Ferrari T-4, model after turning 15 laps at the Fiorano track near here Thursday.

Ferrari said Scheckter will rest until next weekend to be fit for the Brazilian Grand Prix.

Scheckter suffered a bad wrist contusion in a pileup at the start of the Argentine Grand Prix at Buenos Aires last Sunday.



EARLY LEADERS: Hannu Mikkola of Finland in his Ford Escort corners at speed during the grueling fourth day. Tuesday. He was overtaken Wednesday by team-mate Bjorn Waldegard and finished in fifth place.

But he ended with a time of 8 hours, 13 minutes and 38 seconds. Waldegard was second in 8:13:42 and third was Finn Markku Alea in a Fiat 131 Abarth, recording 8:17:47.

A determined performance from a competitor who was suffering from suspected appendicitis last weekend.

American runner-up

Proell wins 5th straight ski race

SCHRUNS, Austria, Jan. 26 (AP) — Austria's Annemarie Moser-Proell, 25, Friday won her fifth World Cup downhill in a row, 2.35 seconds ahead of America's Cindy Nelson, 22.

Proell picked up no World Cup points for the achievement, because only three races count. But she won 25 points for winning the combined,

which is awarded to the best overall performance in both downhill and slalom.

She was third in the slalom here Tuesday.

Her new World Cup total is 180.

She clocked 1:21.99 minutes on the 2,115-meter-long trail. Nelson clocked 1:24.34, five hundredths of a second ahead of West Germany's Irene

Epple, who had 1:24.39 of her amazing downhill supremacy. Proell said only, "I have a lot of self-confidence. I don't think that anything can happen to me on a downhill trail."

There were several spectacular tumbles, including Swiss skiers Doris de Agostini, and Evelyn Dirren, and West Germany's Christa Zeichmeier.

Proell's five downhill victories in a row matched that of Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden,

who has won five giant slaloms one after another this season.

But Proell is the most successful World Cup skier in both the women's and men's division. She has 59 World Cup

victories.

In the combined tabulation, Nelson was runner-up to Proell, picking up 20 more points in this. The American girl's new World Cup total was 84, which elevated her to fifth place overall, behind second-place Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein, 130, third-place Marie-Theres Nайдо, Switzerland, 119, and fourth-place Claudia Giordani, Italy, 85.

Aaron shoots miracle 69 in typhoon Pacific event

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 26 (AP) — The players fought for balance and leaned into the howling winds that whipped off the Pacific and lashed the tees and greens, jutting on headlands over the surf.

They talked not of birdies and pars but of survival.

"It was actually frightening," said 47-year-old Billy Casper, his portly bulk bundled under two sweaters and a windbreaker.

"It was a survival test," Grier Jones said. "The toughest conditions



Trevor Francis

Doubt reigns over Francis

BIRMINGHAM, England, Jan. 26 (R) — First Division Birmingham Friday placed England striker Trevor Francis, whom they value at one million pounds (\$2 million), on the transfer list after announcing less than 24 hours earlier it had rejected an offer of 900,000 pounds for him from neighbor Coventry City.

Birmingham's catastrophic position at the bottom of the league, with all signs pointing to relegation, has revived speculation it might part with the 24-year-old Francis, who has suffered a string of injuries since a League debut at only 16. A huge cash offer would enable the club to acquire two or three players around whom it could build a new side.

Exactly what has happened in the past 24 hours, however, is unclear and brought conflicting statements from club and player.

The club statement, issued while chairman Keith Coombes was trapped somewhere in the snow, said: "Trevor Francis has now indicated that he does not wish to remain with Birmingham City any longer and the board, therefore, have now, very reluctantly decided to place him on the transfer list."

Francis promptly retorted that the statement implied he had asked for a transfer. "I have not — and I have talked on the phone with the chairman to make sure that this point is confirmed."

But Francis disclosed that he had discussed his future with the chairman last week, adding "I put it to him that it would be in the best interests of the club to take the money because it was in my mind an offer they could not refuse."

Ashe took three straight games from 4-5 in the second set to win. Vilas lost when he overdrove from the backhand a high bouncing second serve from Ashe.

Also Thursday, top-seeded Jimmy Connors, the defending champion, defeated Wojciech Fibak of Poland 6-4, 7-6.

Fibak, losing his eighth match in as many meetings with Connors since 1975, five times held set points in the second set, three times at 6-5 against Connors' service, and twice in a tie-breaker at 8-7 and 9-8.

Connors scored three straight points to take the tie-breaker and win the match.

In another match, fourth-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis defeated unseeded Johan Krik of South Africa, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Ashe will face sixth-seeded Brian Gottfried in the quarterfinals Friday. Connors will face Jeff Masters of Australia and Gerulaitis will play seventh-seeded Harold Solomon. Solomon beat unseeded Gene Mayer, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.

West Bromwich storm brews over planned black-white game

LONDON, Jan. 26 (AP) — A proposed soccer match between Britain's best black soccer players and an all-white West Bromwich Albion team has been attacked by a local politician.

West Bromwich Manager Ron Atkinson had proposed that West Bromwich's three black stars—Laurie Cunningham, Cyrille Regis and Brendan Batson—should form an all-black side to play the rest of the West Bromwich team to a testimonial match for long serving West Bromwich player Len Cantello.

But the proposal was Friday attacked as "tasteless" by the chairman of the local community relations council.

Bob Badham, chairman of the Sandwell CRC, said he was surprised at the suggestion because Albion's mixed team had done much for the cause of integration.

"It can only be an innocent mistake," said Badham, "and I hope the club will have second thoughts. A match of this kind could easily be used by certain sections of the community to make political capital and there could well be trouble in the crowd."

"It is most disturbing. The club seems to have overlooked the implications of what Ron Atkinson has suggested."

Atkinson's suggestion was that Regis, Cunningham and Batson should form an all-black team, with their places in the West Bromwich team being taken by white guest players.

Atkinson said that the three

black players were strongly in favor of the match, which would reward Cantello's loyalty and encourage young black footballers.

Stoke City star Garth Crooks, one of the players selected for the black side, said: "I am very proud to have been selected. I regard it as an honour. Testimonials are meant to be attractive matches and this would interest lots of people. As for troublemakers, they get enough publicity and should be ignored. Politics should be left to politicians. This would just be a game of football played for a fellow professional."

Like all testimonials, the match would have to be sanctioned by the English Football Association (FA).

Sir Harold Thompson, chairman of the FA, said: "If there were evidence that the

players had been selected for

England, then we would be

very careful."

If manager Ron Greenwood prefers him to Peter Barnes in the final eleven, Cunningham would be the second black player to wear a full England shirt, after defender Viv Anderson of Nottingham Forest, who made his debut in the friendly match against Czechoslovakia last November.

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Dutch official: We work very hard and fight for orders

Dutch businessmen are generally a little gloomy about economic future and exports. Businessmen often tend to take their own problems more seriously than other people's and for many of them it is very difficult to accept that Holland cannot compete more with all her products.

At meetings, K.H. Beyen, the Dutch secretary of state for trade promotion, tries to cheer up the pessimists. His "positivism" is natural to most bankers. Former head of Foreign Affairs for the AMRO Bank, and liberal statesman, Mr. Beyen is well equipped to grasp the Netherlands' export problems. Besides export-promotion, his job is to bring foreign policy closer to export needs, and to make Dutch businessmen more confident about private initiatives. He is now leading the Dutch Expo ship tour of the Gulf.

According to him the Dutch should by no means feel defeated. They should appreciate the problems, and realize that they can be overcome in a joint effort.

The future depends he said in a lengthy interview with "Arab News", on the growth of world-trade and on the demand for Dutch products abroad. Beyen is moderately optimistic about the development of his world-trade, certainly as far as 1979 is concerned.

"Most experts agree with that", says Beyen. The German economy already shows signs of recovery and Holland will experience positive results given this. On the other hand, our exports can only be kept up if our expenses do not rise any further and if the government checks the progress within the savings program.

"I am no expert on the economies of the Arab countries, but it seems to me that our exports to those countries will be maintained on the same level. Their tremendous income, is being used for the development of their industry and agriculture. This will result in an economic upswing, enabling the oil-countries to form economically strong units. As such they

will become increasing outlets for our firms in all fields."

Q: Would they not become serious competitors for Holland? The oil-countries are very interested in petrochemical products and Holland already has overcapacity.

A: That is always possible when you transfer your technology to others. There is every chance then that the others are going to compete in your own market or in the Third World countries.... But you cannot stop such a development by not supplying the know-how because we are not the only country to have this and the Arabs don't depend on Holland only. We can merely hope that the outlet for these products and the development of the Third World will be such as not to turn their exports completely against us.

Q: United States and Japan have less overcapacity. Do you think they will be more inclined to supply the necessary know-how?

A: Those countries have as much to lose. I don't think that it is a question of restraint in our country. Arab countries buy the technical know-how, equipment and anything else they need wherever they can get the best and the cheapest. Sometimes this includes Dutch products.

Q: Is the decline of the Dutch share in world-trade due to the fact that they have let things get out of hand?

A: "I absolutely disagree with that. The enormous growth of the EEC has been a big advantage for Dutch industry where it could supply goods at competitive prices. But, lack of capacity and manpower in the sixties and the early seventies has meant, our industry could not possibly produce more for the rest of the world. My impression is that many firms are working very hard now and that they have to fight to get orders; they are admittedly only partially successful.

In is a fact that our share in the growth of world-trade has decreased. We should try to check the progress of this sad development, but we should not forget that with the Third World countries get a continually bigger share of total world-trade — and that is the purpose of their development



Dutch Secretary of State for Trade Promotion K. H. Beyen

ment policy, isn't it? — It is inevitable that countries with a previous bigger share will have to put up with less in the future. The entire cake will be cut differently, and Holland is not the only country that has seen its share decrease.

Q: Third World countries mainly export low-quality, semi-manufactured products. Does this mean that Holland should change its export-package to high-quality products?

A: I am convinced that countries like Holland which have reached a high standard of development, will turn to technologically advanced products of high-quality. We will progressively stop exporting products that can be produced elsewhere with little technical know-how. And this has been happening for some years now; we can no longer manufacture simple textile products at competitive prices. We will have to concentrate on high-standard quality.

Q: Are the authorities able to help? It is often said that other countries make themselves conspicuous in this respect.

A: Certain countries like West-Germany, Switzerland and Sweden, have been focusing on advanced technology for a long time; this was in the tradition of their industrial

evolution. We also have a number of trade-branched that are absolutely on top of the world; electronics for instance. But considering our geographical position and our commercial past, the trade in raw materials and their transformation to semi-manufactured products forms a relatively important part of our export-package as a whole.

A: At the moment those industries are having a hard time because the price-sensitivity is very strong. When an important part of your exports consists of such products, this can hit you particularly hard in a period of stagnation, and then it is desirable to shift the emphasis. The authorities can stimulate the development of advanced new products, for instance with grants. Furthermore, they can support research and draw industry's attention to the different possibilities by supplying information about foreign markets.

Q: Does this mean the appointment of commercial attachés?

A: I believe that the information supplied to Dutch industry is thorough and complete. Foreigners often speak admiringly of our Economic Information Service, about its quality and speed. I doubt if

it is better organized in other countries. It is true that France and Germany have considerably more people at their embassies to deal with commercial problems, but I wonder if this produces a proportional increase in results. Holland subsidizes the Chambers of Commerce in different countries a great deal so the smaller embassy staff are sufficient.

However, I admit that at the moment, owing to the problems and to the industrial interest for Third World countries, our diplomatic service is somewhat under-staffed. We will have to change that with in the limited means we have got and increase the number of employees at the embassies as soon as possible.

Until recently, Dutch businessmen avoided their embassies, but this has changed. Nowadays, the embassies have competent staff who fully defend our interests in foreign countries.

Q: Do you think that the "professional" French way of handling problems has more results than the Dutch way?

A: I don't know if you can call that more "professional"; they used heavy artillery to certain areas. In some countries it is very important that

the doors are opened at the top level. That is why I'm going to Saudi Arabia. This business tour creates the opportunity to meet people. Maybe we did too little in the past on behalf of the government, especially with regard to the Gulf states, but I will try to make up for it. In some cases, the French will have obtained more results. But the business which our firms have acquired in the Middle East has practically been done without any government support.

Q: A well-known saying about the Dutch businessman is that he has to improvise too much in foreign countries.....

A: That is an unfair report to Dutch business and in particular to the big firms that have international experience. There are only a few countries that have, within relative borders, such important multinationals.

Q: Do you think that social relationships in countries Holland does business with, should not be taken into consideration?

A: That depends. I can imagine that there are countries we should not do any business with, in particular when the United Nations has agreed on it. It is a misunderstanding to suppose that in Holland moral prevails over profit. This is not the case in the industry; it is not a general rule.

From the political point of view it is a different matter. I quite understand that certain aspects of trade are being emphasized in parliament. This can lead to the loss of export-orders, because politicians believe that a given country does not respect human rights.

But it is not always a moral issue, it is also a matter of faith in the other country. It is a good thing, that in a democratic system like ours those things are being discussed; the final decision is in hands of the parliament.

Q: Do you believe that the high level of investments in Arab Countries has passed; that Dutch exports to those countries will slow down?

A: There is no reason for

countries will be developed and that their market will be extended, with regards to exports as well as imports. I am rather optimistic, at least with continuing good management and if no crises take place. We have an interest to a solid development.

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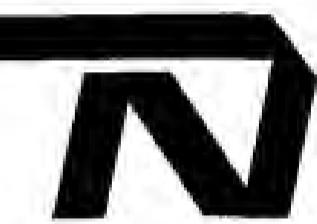
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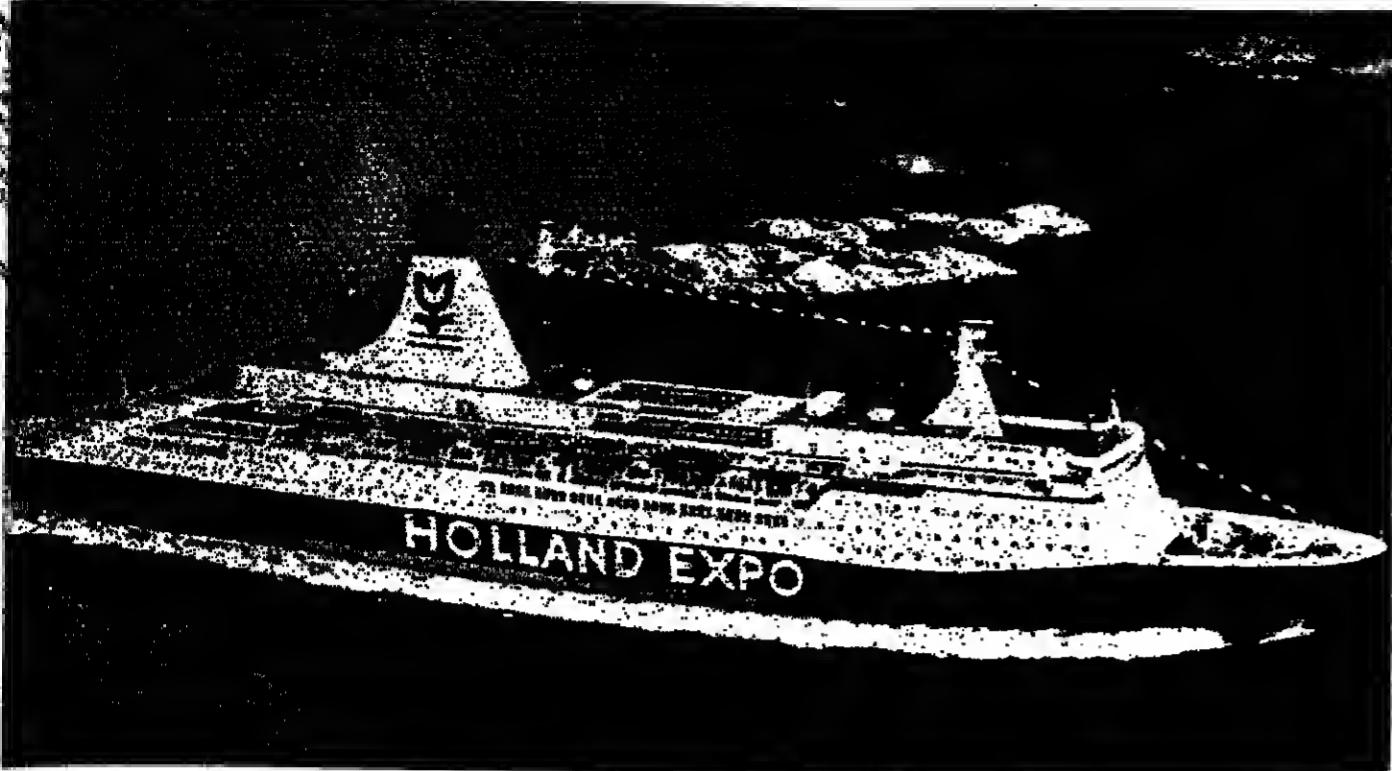
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Dutch trade with M.E. growing

Dutch exports to the Middle East have picked up considerably over the last few years. So have the largely crude oil imports. These were virtually at times the value of exports in 1977, though the Dutch deficit is helped by the "visible" services it offers.

But while Holland's Middle East oil bill more than doubled in the four years from 1973, the value of its exported goods quadrupled. And it is this growth that the businessmen on board "Expo Holland" are seeking to augment.

The small European country is famous for its high-technology, particularly in electronics and petrochemicals. These, along with non-electric machinery, ships, construction, tubes, pipes and auxiliary piping from the bulk of Dutch exports to the area.

Agricultural and food products, also constitute a large share of the exports. These include milk and cream, meal and flour, margarine, lard and prepared cooking fats, eggs, and liquid vegetable oils.

These products accounted for \$65m — over half in milk and cream — in Holland's 1977 exports to Saudi Arabia, by far its largest Middle East customer.

This figure compares in the same year to \$57m for machines and parts, \$35m for electric machines and parts, and \$12m for construction.

The trade figures below give an overall picture of Dutch activity in the Middle East.

Holland Expo is the product of two years' work by Rudi Bier, Director of World Wide Expo in Copenhagen who conceived the project in conjunction with the Netherlands Council for Trade Promotion and Tor Shipping Lines in Gothenburg. Bier chartered the liner, "Tor Scandinavia" which normally sails between Gothenburg and Jeddah.

The Holland Expo-schedule:

Port	Day	Date
Jeddah	Tuesday	23/1
Bahrain	Sunday	4/2
Damman	Monday	5/2
Abu Dhabi	Tuesday	6/2
Dubai	Wednesday	7/2
Kuwait	Thursday	8/2
	Friday	9/2
Doha	Saturday	10/2
	Sunday	11/2

berg, Amsterdam and Felitz, and fitted it out to meet the requirements of prestige sailing.

Air conditioning, however, was installed early this month at Amsterdam, a few days before she sailed for Cairo on Jan 13th. A week later, the participants boarded at Port Said with all their exhibition equipment, and the Tor Scandinavia sailed for Jeddah.

The Dutch hope that the tour will boost their Middle East exports which have grown considerably over the last few years, but not as much as businessmen would have liked and other countries have managed.

Holland Expo is the largest, most expensive show of Dutch products the Arab world has seen. Government support amounts to almost a third of the total cost of \$5 million and has reduced the price of exhibition space by about \$250 per square meter for participating companies.

Products on show range from aerial photographs in shaft sealing systems and motor yachts. Traditional Dutch products like cheese and milk, vegetable oils and fats are represented beside the Banque de Suez Nederland and International Insurance Brokers.

Machine tool manufacturers and diesel engineers, beside constructors and spectacle-frame makers, petrochemical experts and even television producers.

The visitor may be confronted by a mad array of goods and services, but the tour is a vital link between supplier and consumer and allows insight into the many products available in this section of the world market.

On board, the Dutch Minister of State for Foreign Trade Promotion, K.H. Beyeo, and a number of his ambassadors leads the tour and welcomes visitors at the official opening ceremony at every port. This

ministerial lead and the financial support show how much importance the Dutch government is now attaching to the growth of its trade with the Middle East. Though the real results will be long-term and immeasurable as this host of

Dutch traders make contact with new custom.

The tour started in Jeddah on Tuesday and will go on round the peninsula and up the Gulf to finish in Kuwait on Feb. 11.

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Displaying Dutch products in Gulf

The "Holland Expo" ship, cruising the Middle East this week has surpassed the Swedes and will rival the Japanese in presenting national export products to a captive Arab market on the shore.

Conceived over two years ago, Holland Expo carries representatives of nearly 200 Dutch companies in the manufacturing and service industries, all eager to display their wares at the seven Middle Eastern ports of call.

Without the problems of foreign buyers and exhibition halls, the five hundred Dutch businessmen are free to show their products and entertain their foreign guests on board their own luxury liner.

Floating fairs are a technique the Japanese have mastered, but for the Dutch it is a very ambitious first time. Swedish plans for a similar exposition to follow the Dutch in February this year met with little support from Swedish companies and were eventually cancelled. Swedish companies in Jeddah and elsewhere felt a similar show on the same ship straight away would fail and were heard to express relief at no longer having to pay host to a floating disaster.

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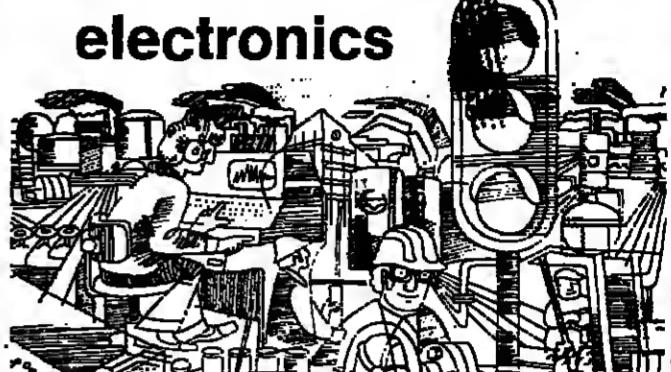
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Japan worried Iran crisis may affect \$3.25b project

TOKYO, Jan. 26 (R)—The Japanese government said Friday it was worried that political unrest in Iran might affect a \$3.25 billion joint petrochemical project.

But Trade Minister Masumi Esaki told a press conference in Tokyo that the government did not intend to order Japanese companies involved in the Bandar Shapur project to suspend work.

A spokesman for Japan's

Mitsui Group, whose subsidiaries are involved in the 50-50 contract with the Iran National Petrochemical Company, denied local press reports that it planned to stop work.

The financial daily "Nihon Keizai Shimbun" and the mass-circulation daily "Asahi Shimbun" said Mitsui would mothball the project and withdraw 5,000 engineers and workers, including Japanese and Indians from Bandar

Shapur.

The Mitsui spokesman said the complex, due to be finished next year, was almost 85 per cent complete.

But he said Takasaburo Okada, managing director of the joint venture firm, the Iran-Japan Petrochemical Company, would visit Bandar Shapur soon to study the situation and make recommendations.

The project involves building a petrochemical complex, including an ethylene plant.

Mitsui said this week it would go ahead with the project provided it could obtain extra funds from Japanese banks to cover shortfalls on the Iranian side.

Mitsui later asked a consortium of 21 banks for loans totaling 31.5 billion yen (\$158 million) to cover some of the funds needed for the project. It also sought additional loans totalling 100 billion yen (\$502 million) to enable completion by next year.

The Industrial Bank of Japan, which heads the consortium, said it would consider the request, but withheld immediate approval.

Turkey seeking to boost trade links with Libya

ANKARA, Jan. 26 (R)—Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit left Friday on a four-day visit to Libya aimed at developing trade and economic ties.

Political sources said Ecevit was expected to try to persuade Libyan officials to boost their earlier pledge of three million tons of oil exports to Turkey to at least five million tons.

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Tokyo trading takes dollar to 1979 high

TOKYO, Jan. 26 (AP)—The dollar reached its high of the year, closing at 199.175 yen Friday after ending Thursday at 198.075 yen.

A banker attributed the rise of the dollar to technical reasons and not to any improvement in the American balance of payments.

He said, "trading was generally quiet except for a bond conversion which caused the value of the dollar to go up."

Despite the sudden jump, the dollar is still worth 20 per cent less than at the same time last year.

But it fell back during the morning in Europe. Gold bullion prices were mixed.

The pound improved in London during the morning to \$1.9930, against \$1.9920 Thursday.

Morning dollar rates in major European financial centers, with previous late rates:

Frankfurt — 1.8572 marks, down from 1.8595.

Zurich — 1.6859 Swiss francs, down from 1.6905.

Paris — 4.2500 French francs, down from 4.2625.

Amsterdam — 2.0015 guilders, up from 2.0070.

Milan — 837.25 lire, down from 838.05.

Gold in London fell back to \$234.50 per troy ounce just before noon, against the previous day's \$235.50, while at Zurich, Europe's other major bullion market, it rose to \$234.375, against the previous \$233.375.

Windswept Shengli

China's second oil field

SHENGLI, China, Jan. 26 (UPI)—In 14 years the 200,000 people on the dry windswept plains of Shengli near the mouth of the Yellow River have built up China's second largest oil field, producing more than 18 million tons (about 128 million barrels) a year, and are growing 22,000 tons of rice.

Shengli (Victory) ranks next in importance to the famous Taching oil field near the Soviet border. Today, men and women work on the rigs and women grow rice on about 17,000 acres of reclaimed and irrigated land.

Shengli and other new oil fields like it are vital to a modernization program aimed at making China an advanced industrial country by the end of this century.

Oil will have to pay for much of the transfusions of European, Japanese and American industrial expertise needed to bring about.

Shengli's reserves are secret, but officials say most of its production is for domestic use, although some is exported.

Three pipelines deliver Shengli oil to the outside world. One, completed in 1974, runs to the Huang Tao laborer port near the city of Tsingtao at the tip of the Shantung Peninsula. Another, built last year, links the oil field to Nanking 1,100 kilometers to the south.

A third connects the field with Chico City 810 kilometers away, where a large refining complex is located. All pipelines carry both oil and natural gas. Shengli officials say the complex at Chico can produce 300,000 tons of ammonia a year, the only statistic they furnished.

Pipeline transmission from Shengli is difficult in winter because of the oil's high paraffin content. The crude has to be heated when it arrived from the well head at the first collecting station, before being pumped on to the pipeline terminal.

Heating stations are built along the lines to keep the viscosity of the oil low enough for it to flow in winter.

Shengli itself has only a small refinery, making products for local use like ammonia and gasoline. This refinery is attached to Shengli's technical college, and is partly a training facility. Shengli has used quite a bit of foreign equipment in its time. Its managers and working-level engineers say they are eager to acquire American equipment, especially for drilling and extracting.

Squeeze starts to show in U.K. company profits

LONDON, Jan. 26 (UPI)—In the past year, British company profits have increased by around 10 per cent, narrowly beating inflation, but there has already been a dramatic slowing from a rise of 50 per cent in 1977. And there are now signs of a further change for the worse that could bring a standstill, or even a fall, in profits in 1979.

This would leave companies lagging far behind inflation—which looks like accelerating well into double figures this year—and combined with the government's new tough squeeze on prices, it could hit company liquidity on a scale that has not been seen since 1974.

And now Britain's strikes are beginning to bite: the first evidence came Thursday.

Rank Hovis McDougall chairman Joseph Rank disclosed at its annual shareholders meeting that the five-week bakery strike that started last November had wiped seven million pounds (14 million) off their profits for this year.

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